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LRB Number 09-2827/1	Introduction Number SB-302					
Description Powersports vehicle manufacturers, distributors, and dealers and providing a penalty						
Fiscal Effect						
Appropriations Reversible Reversi	Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget enues Types of Local					
Indeterminate 1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue Permissive Mandatory 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Districts 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected Towns Counties Others School Districts Districts						
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS						
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2009 Senate Bill 302 creates s. 218.60-63, Wis. Stats, regulating the relationship between powersports vehicle manufacturers and distributors, and powersports vehicle dealers.

Under current law, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is directed to enforce various trade practice regulations. Also under current law, the Department of Justice (DOJ) is required to furnish all legal services required by DATCP relating to the enforcement of many of those regulations. In practice, DATCP receives trade practice complaints, investigates the complaints, and attempts to mitigate the complaints. If DATCP's attempt to resolve a complaint is unsuccessful, DATCP refers the complaint to DOJ for prosecution.

SB 302 requires DATCP to investigate violations of s. 218.61. The bill also provides that DATCP, DOJ, or any district attorney may enforce s. 218.61. The Department of Justice assumes that enforcement of most, if not all, violations of s. 218.61 would be handled much like current violations of trade practice regulations as described above. However, DOJ is not aware of any information that accurately indicates how many new cases DATCP will refer to DOJ for prosecution under the provisions of SB 302.

If the number of new referrals to DOJ is significant, the department will require additional resources to handle the increased caseload.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications